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SUBJ: INCIDENT IN GULF OF FONSECA

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 93

1. THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON JANUARY 11 CONCERNING THE INCIDENT IN THE GULF OF FONSECA. THE MAIN POINTS FOLLOW:

(A) THE ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND, ON LEARNING OF THE JANUARY 7 INCIDENT, ORDERED AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF THE SITUATION BY THE LOCAL MILITARY CHIEF;

(B) THE LOCAL CHIEF DISCUSSED THE INCIDENT WITH HIS SALVADORAN COUNTERPART AND THEY RECOMMENDED THAT A JOINT COMMITTEE BE FORMED TO INVESTIGATE;

(C) THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES AGREED TO SUCH AN INVESTIGATION BUT, FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, THE SALVADORAN HIGH COMMAND REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE;

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(E) THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES CONDUCTED A UNILATERAL

INVESTIGATION AND ARRIVED AT THE CONCLUSION THAT NO ELEMENTS OF THE HONDURAN ARMY WERE INVOLVED AND THAT THE SALVADORAN LAUNCH INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT HAD BEEN LOCATED IN HONDURAN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER HONDURANS OTHER THAN MEMBERS OF THE ARMY WERE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS NOT YET ISSUED ANY KIND OF DECLARATION AND IT IS UNCLEAR AT THIS POINT IF THEY INTEND TO DO SO.
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